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1. On 27 October 1953, the headquarters of the 28 Army was at P'ut'ien (N 25-29, E 119-03). The headquarters of the 82 Division, 28 Army, was at Chinchiang (N 24-54, E 118-34), with subordinate regiments at Mahsiang (N 24-40, E 118-14) and T'ungan (N 24-44, E 118-10). The headquarters of the 83 Division was at P'ut'ien, with subordinate regiments disposed along the coast from Hsianghuawan (N 25- , E 119-) to Meichowwan (N 25- , E 119-). The headquarters of the 84 Division was at Foochow, with subordinate regiments in the Foochow-Ch'anglo (N 25-56, E 119-34) area.¹

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2. At 1000 hours on 23 September, more than 5,000 men attached to the 2 Marine Division arrived in P'uk'ou (N 32-06, E 118-44) from Tsingtao. They spoke Kwangtung and Fukien dialects. These men crossed the river from P'uk'ou and boarded special trains at the Hsiakuan (0007/7070) Railway station at 1330 hours on 24 September and headed east on the Nanking-Shanghai railway to reinforce defenses along the Chekiang-Fukien border.
3. On 23 September a regiment of the 2 Public Security Division of the East China Military Area had been sent to the Wuhsing (N 30-53, E 120-06)-Ch'anghsing (N 31-01, E 119-56)-Wuchiang (N 31-10, E 120-38) area as a garrison force.² Two battalions of the regiment were between Wuhsing and Shengtse (N 30-54, E 120-39).
4. In mid-September the headquarters and about 300 men of the 50 Regiment, 17 Public Security Division, were at Kuao't'ou (N 27-37, E 120-33), and 500 men were in the Szusha (0934/3097)-Sansha (0005/3097)-Erhsha (0059/3097) area. In mid-September the headquarters of the 49 Regiment was in the HSIANG (7309) residence at Hsiaotungmen (1420/2639/7024), Juian (N 27-49, E 120-38) City. About 400 troops of the regiment were in the city, and 400 troops were in Meit'ou (N 27-51, E 120-46).

5. On 17 September troops of the 49 Regiment, 17 Public Security Division, were in P'ingyang (N 27-42, E 120-33).

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6. During early October, part of the 17 Public Security Division, which was stationed at Wenchou (N 28-01, E 120-38), was transferred to Sungmen (N 28-22, E 121-36).³

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7. In late October the headquarters of the 17 Public Security Division was moved to the East Gate of Juian (N 27-49, E 120-38).³
8. On 12 September one company of the 37 Regiment, 13 Public Security Division, arrived at Chihchutao (N 26-32, E 120-04) from Hsiahu (approximately N 26-39, E 120-06) and left after searching the island.⁴
9. On 16 August there were about 5,000 Chinese Communist troops in the Luhsia (N 26-39, E 120-06)-Hsiahu (N 26-39, E 120-04) area. From 14 to 16 August these troops, in groups of 12 to 150 men, were practicing swimming with the aid of rubber bags.⁵ When deflated, these bags, which were in the shape of pillows with pockets for ammunition, could be folded and put into a uniform pocket or sack. On 16 August there was a non-fraternization order in effect in Luhsia and Hsiahu between the troops and civilians. For recreation the troops were marched to the beach and allowed to swim under the supervision of officers, or they entertained themselves in their quarters.
10. In August Communist troops at Haimen (N 28-43, E 121-25) were issued life belts and were being trained in amphibious tactics.⁶
11. From 19 to 22 October Chinese Communist maneuvers were held at Hsienlin (N 30-14, E 119-59). More than 3,000 troops, with 100 vehicles and 70 artillery pieces, participated.⁷ Some of the troops were armed with Soviet rifles and machine guns.
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- Civilians were prohibited from entering the area during the maneuvers.

12. On 25 August 100 cadres, appointed by the East China Military Area to receive technical training in Peiping in the use of Soviet artillery, had completed their training and were moving south on the Tientsin-P'uk'ou (N 32-06, E 118-44) railway with ten Soviet 150mm. field pieces⁸ equipped with radar operating devices (sic).

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13. On 14 October LI Ying-hsi (2621/6601/1585), deputy commander of the Chinese Communist engineer force, arrived in Hangchow from Peiping, accompanied by two Soviet advisers. From 15 to 23 October the party inspected coastal defenses from Ningpo (N 29-54, E 121-32) to Shanghai.

- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. This disposition puts the 28 Army somewhat further south than the location at Foochow where the army is currently carried. Previous reports [] have placed units of this army all the way from Futing (N 27-20, E 120-13) to Anhui (N 24-40, E 118-30); []

- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. The 2 Public Security Division was reported in the Wuhsing (N 30-53, E 120-06) and Wuk'ang (N 30-54, E 119-58) areas in late 1952 (see [] reported that on 2 March two regiments of the 2 Public Security Division moved south from Hsiaofeng (N 30-36, E 119-34) Hsien in the direction of Hangchow. 25X1

- 25X1A 25X1A3. [] Comment. [], recent reports [] placed the 17 Public Security Division headquarters in Wenchow in June and August.

- 25X1A 25X1A4. [] Comment. [] based on an [] 25X1C
25X1C [] placed the regiment's headquarters in Hsiap'u (N 26-53, E 119-39) in March 1953.

- 25X1A 5. [] Comment. See [] on amphibious training in the Luhsia area in August.

- 25X1A 6. [] Comment. Troops of the 179 Regiment, 60 Division, were given similar training in Haimen prior to their attack on Talushan in May; []

- 25X1A 7. [] Comment. These troops were from a division of the 35 Army. [] Comment. Although the present status and location of the 35 Army are in considerable doubt, [] also reported 35 Army units in the area immediately west of Hangchow.

- 25X1A 8. [] Comment. Any one of a number of Soviet 152-mm. guns or howitzers may have been intended.

- 25X1A 9. [] Comment. YI's position as vice commander of the Chinese Communist engineer forces was announced by the New China News Agency on 6 October 1953.

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